

BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY)
(AMERITECH, ILLINOIS) and)
McLEOD USA TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES, INC.)
) No. 00 -0673
Joint Petition for Approval of)
Merger Amendment to the Resale)
Agreement dated August 17, 2000,)
pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252)

Chicago, Illinois
November 1, 2000

Met pursuant to notice at 11:00 a.m.

BEFORE :

CLAUDIA SAINOT, Administrative Law Judge.

APPEARANCES:

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Witnesses:	Direct	Cross	Re - direct	Re- cross	By Examiner
MELANIE PATRICK, Ph.D.	4				

E X H I B I T S

Number Evidence	For Identification	In
Staff's No. 1	4	6

1 (Whereupon, Staff's
2 Exhibit No. 1 was
3 marked for identification.)

4 JUDGE SAINSOT: By the authority vested in me by
5 the Illinois Commerce Commission, I now call Docket
6 No. 00-0673, Illinois Bell Telephone Company and
7 McLeod USA Telecommunications Services, which is a
8 joint petition for approval of merger amendment to
9 an agreement dated August 17th pursuant to 47 USC
10 Section 252.

11 Will the parties identify themselves for
12 the record, please.

13 MS. JORGENSEN: On behalf of joint petitioner
14 Ameritech Illinois, I'm Mary Beth Jorgensen, 225
15 West Randolph Street, Suite 25D, Chicago, Illinois
16 60606, area (312) 727-1286.

17 I request the Examiner's permission to
18 appear on Ameritech's behalf. I'm licensed in
19 Maryland. I work for Mark Kerber who is licensed in
20 Illinois, and I've appeared before the Commission in
21 previous dockets.

22 JUDGE SAINSOT: Any objection?

1 MR. WEGING: No objection.

2 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. Your motion to appear pro
3 hoc vice is granted.

4 MR. WEGING: James Weging, W-e-g-i-n-g, 160 North
5 LaSalle Street, Suite C-800, Chicago, Illinois
6 60601, (312) 793-8182, appearing on behalf of the
7 Commission's Staff.

8 JUDGE SAINSOT: Mr. Weging, would you like to
9 proceed?

10 MR. WEGING: Yes. I'd like to call to the stand
11 Melanie Patrick, please.

12 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. Ms. Patrick.

13 (Witness sworn.)

14 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. You can proceed.

15 MELANIE K. PATRICK, Ph.D.,
16 called as a witness herein, having been first duly
17 sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

18 DIRECT EXAMINATION

19 BY

20 MR. WEGING:

21 Q. Could you state your name and business
22 address for the record, please.

1 A. My name is Melanie Patrick, and my business
2 address is 527 East Capitol in Springfield,
3 Illinois.

4 Q. And by whom are you employed?

5 A. The Illinois Commerce Commission.

6 Q. I will show you what I've had the reporter
7 mark as Staff Exhibit 1 and ask you if you recognize
8 it?

9 A. Mm-hmm.

10 Q. And what is that?

11 A. This is my verified statement.

12 Q. And the first question when I asked do you
13 recognize it, you went mm-hmm.

14 A. Yes, I do recognize it.

15 Q. Thank you. Because mm-hmm sounds like
16 uh-huh, and I've just driven the reporter crazy with
17 that.

18 And what is Staff Exhibit No. 1?

19 A. It's my verified statement that I prepared.

20 Q. And if I would today ask you in question and
21 answer form for the information contained in your
22 verified statement, would your answers substantially

1 be the same as the information contained in Staff
2 Exhibit No. 1?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Do you have any additions, changes, or
5 corrections to make to the exhibit?

6 A. No, I do not.

7 MR. WEGING: Madam Hearing Examiner, I would move
8 for the admission of Staff Exhibit 1 into record
9 evidence; and I tender the witness for
10 cross-examination.

11 MS. JORGENSEN: No questions.

12 JUDGE SAINSOT: Do you have any objection to the
13 motion, Ms. Jorgensen?

14 MS. JORGENSEN: None.

15 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. The motion is granted.
16 The verified statement of Melanie K. Patrick, Ph.D.,
17 will be entered into evidence. It is currently
18 marked as Staff's Exhibit A.

19 MR. WEGING: 1.

20 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. We'll have it as Staff's
21 Exhibit 1.

22 (Whereupon, Staff's

1 Exhibit No. 1 was
2 admitted into evidence.)

3 JUDGE SAINSOT: Does Staff have an opinion as to
4 whether this --

5 MR. WEGING: The recommendation of Staff is that
6 this agreement be approved finding that there is no
7 discrimination and nothing against the public
8 interest. It's subject to the usual postapproval
9 conditions of the tariff amendment in filing the
10 verified statement so that the agreement can be
11 published on our web site.

12 JUDGE SAINSOT: Is there anything further?

13 MR. WEGING: Nothing further from Staff.

14 MS. JORGENSEN: Nothing from Ameritech.

15 JUDGE SAINSOT: Okay. That being said, the
16 record will be marked heard and taken.

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1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER
2 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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4 COUNTY OF COOK)
5 CASE NO. 00-0673
6 TITLE: ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY
7 and McLEOD USA TELECOMMUNICATIONS
8 I, Jennifer Natale do hereby certify that I am a
9 court reporter contracted by SULLIVAN REPORTING
10 COMPANY, of Chicago, Illinois; that I reported in
11 shorthand the evidence taken and the proceedings had
12 in the hearing on the above-entitled case on the 1st
13 day of November A.D. 2000; that the foregoing 8
14 pages are a true and correct transcript of my
15 shorthand notes so taken as aforesaid, and contains
16 all the proceedings directed by the Commission or
17 other person authorized by it to conduct the said
18 hearing to be stenographically reported.
19 Dated at Chicago, Illinois, this 6th day
20 of November A.D. 2000.

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22 REPORTER